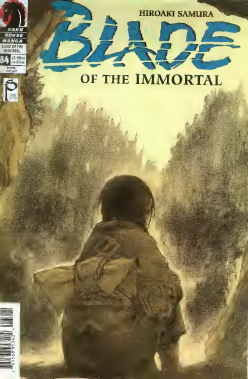




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CAST OF CHARACTERS



yamcha

Reincarnated Immortal



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Was enough to
drive the deal

THE STORY SO FAR

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ENJOY!



無限の住人



THORNS















FINALLY
FOUND IT



NAMES

NAMES!



But
NOW I
REMEMBER
SHE...



HERE--
WANT
THEM?











...IF YOU
JUST WANT
TO PRETEND
YOU'RE ONE
OF US TO KILL
ME IN MY
SLEEP...

...GIVE
IT UP,
AKOHA.
I DON'T
BLAME YOU,
BUT...



...THERE'S
NO WAY
YOU'RE
EVER
GOING TO
KILL ME.

BESIDES,
EFFECTIVE
YESTERDAY,
I'VE CANCELLED
OUR
AGREEMENT
WITH THE
SHOGUN.



I'M A
FUGITIVE
NOW.
STAY WITH
ME, AND
YOU'RE A
TARGET,
TOO.

THE
FUTURE'S
DARK.



THERE...
DONE.

AH,
THANKS.



I...I'LL
STILL
FOLLOW
YOU!



YOU'RE
OH-SO-
CERTAIN
I CAN'T
RYE...
YOU
RIGHT...?



SO IT
DOESN'T
MATTER IF
I FOLLOW
YOU...
YES?



AND IF
I'M NOT
ONE OF THE
HYO-JIN,
YOU CAN'T
BOSS ME
AROUND,
ANYWAY..

SO I
CAN DO
WHATEVER
I WANT.



....
....
....

THY'VE
GOT
PEOPLE
AFTER US.
WE CAN'T USE
THE MAIN
ROADS.



AND
SOMETIMES
THERE
WO'NT BE
ANY
ROADS.

I GATHER
YOU CAME
OVER MOUNT
HAKUSAN
WITHOUT
RESTING.



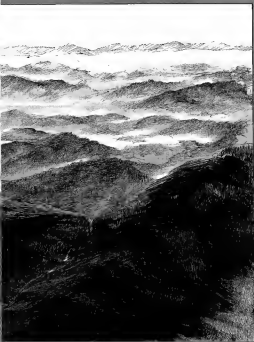
GOOD.
BUT IF YOU
BURN OUT
THIS TIME,
I WON'T
HELP YOU.

IS THAT
ACCEPT-
ABLE...?



....
....
YES.













NEVER
THOUGHT
I'D
CLIMB
HAKUSAN
AGAIN.

MUST'VE
WALKED...
TEN RI...?



AND ALL
I'VE HAD
TO EAT
SINCE
MORNING...

...IS A
MOUTHFUL
OF THAT
DRIED RICE
I BOUGHT
LAST WEEK.



GREAT...I
FINALLY
MADE
IT TO ACHOGA.
JUST TO TURN
AROUND AND HEAD
BACK TO EDO...
BROKE, STARVING,
AND NOTHING
GAINED.

AAAH...
WHAT A
MESS.



CAN WE
REALLY
MAKE IT
TO EDO...?
WELL...
WE'LL
BE FINE.

BUT
ME...







THAT
"GOLDEN
WINGS" TRICK
OF YOURS...
IT HAS A
SERIOUS
DEFECT.

IT WILL
ALMOST
NEVER
HILL
SHIFTLY.



AND SO...
IF YOUR
OPPONENT
IS ANY
GOOD AT
ALL...

...YOUR
HEAD WILL
BE FLYING
FROM YOUR
SHOULDERS
BEFORE YOU
CAN EVEN
TURN TO
FLEE.



IT HAS
SOME
MORE...

...BUT
ONLY IF
YOU HAVE
AN ACCOM-
PLISHED
SHOGUN
BACKING
YOU UP.



IF YOU'RE
A KIDNA,
KNOW YOUR
STRENGTH
AND YOUR
WEAKNES-
SES!









NEVER
GIVE THEM
REASON
TO FOLLOW IN
YOUR
FOOTSTEPS,
SEEKING FOR
RETRIBUTION.

EVEN
IF YOU
DON'T
INTEND TO
DO SO.



OUR
PREDECESSORS
CREATED
THIS WORLD
OF "HONOR"
WE LIVE IN.

FOR FAME,
FOR DUTY,
TO PROTECT
THEIR
SCHOOLS.



BUT
LEAVING
BEHIND A
CYCLE OF
REVENGE
FOR THEIR
ANCESTORS-
JUST TO
TAKE CARE
OF...?

IRRESPON-
SIBLE!
INTOLERA-
BLE!



DO YOU
UNDER-
STAND?











WE HAD
TO CREST
HAYLSAN
AND REACH
SHAKANA BY
TOMORROW
NIGHT.

WE'LL
LEAVE
WHEN THE
RAIN
LIFTS.



IF YOU'VE
GOTTEN
EVERYTHING
OUT OF YOUR
SYSTEM...
THEN SLEEP.

TO BE CONTINUED...